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HIGHWAYMEN INFEST PERRY; COMMIT THREE BOLD HOLDUPS.

Masked Men Lie in Wait Along Country Road and Rob Dr. J. L. Cochran and John Seese Saturday Night.

POSSES SCOUR THE TOWNSHIP

Early Sunday Morning But No Arrests Have Been Made.—M. E. Townsend Also Marked as Victim But Got Away—Mrs. Cochran Saved Husband's Roll.

Maimed highwaymen held up four men in Perry township Saturday from two of whom they snatched money and valuables. Two others, one of whom was a County Commissioner, M. E. Townsend, whipped up their horses and got away from the maimed man before he could be wounded. Dr. J. L. Cochran, surgeon of Connellsville, now of Star Junction, and John Seese and Martin Shulenberg were the other men robbed. Mrs. Cochran was along with Dr. Cochran at the time of the robbery and her presence of mind in taking a roll of \$75 from one of his pockets as he slipped from the buggy to the road saved that much money from falling into the hands of the robbers.

The holdups occurred on the road between Star Junction and Vandergrift. Dr. Cochran was driving from Star Junction to Flatwoods to attend a banquet that was given Saturday evening by the Odd Fellows of that place. Suddenly a man stepped to the head of his horse and demanded that Dr. Cochran give up his valuables. Angered at the demand, Dr. Cochran threw back the lap robe and leaped to the ground to grapple with the bandit. But he was not quick enough to elude Mrs. Cochran, who deftly relieved his pocket of a "roll" of \$75, which he was carrying.

When Dr. Cochran closed in with the man, several others appeared from the shadows where they were standing, one of them drawing a revolver and opening fire. Several shots were discharged into the air, and Dr. Cochran thought best to submit. He was relieved of a valuable gold watch and a little loose money which he carried.

The quick thinking and action of Mrs. Cochran saved him \$75, as the desperadoes failed to molest her as she sat in the buggy with the money concealed in her dress. Dr. Cochran drove away and immediately alerted the district. Searchers were organized in Star Junction and Flatwoods and a reward of \$100 was offered for the man.

But Dr. Cochran was not the first victim. Martin Shulenberg and John Seese, employed at the Washington coke works at Star Junction, had their experience a short time earlier, but on the other side of Flatwoods, to wards Vandergrift. Shulenberg was first stopped and searched, but he failed to have much of value with him, and he was passed along. Seese put up a fight, but was overpowered by the three men, who relieved him of \$15. The men were evidently moving southward, as these encounters occurred on one side of Flatwoods. Dr. Cochran was held up on the other side of the last holdup, that of last evening, was attempted west of Perryopolis.

Joseph Francis, a son of a farmer west of town, was driving into the village last evening, when nearing the unoccupied barn on the Fuller place, two men stepped out on the road and commanded him to stop. Francis whipped up and after an exciting run, arrived safely in Perryopolis.

When Francis related his experience to the people of Perryopolis the excitement caused over the discussion of the affair Saturday night became hysterical. Constable E. E. Burnsworth collected a number of volunteers whom he deputized, and arming them thoroughly, started out in the direction from which the desperadoes had been reported in an effort to round them up.

The robbers were reported to County Detective Alex McBeth, who is at Star Junction and Flatwoods endeavoring to pick up some trace of the men.

SUIT, OVER NOTE.

Balance of \$3,194.04 Said to be Due Moesessin Institution.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—The Moesessin Savings and Trust Company has begun action to recover \$3,194.04 from Daniel F. Hosteller of German township, this amount being, it is alleged, due on a promissory note issued by former Stewart Samuel Newcomer to Hosteller and A. E. Moses.

The note was originally for \$4,500, payable in 30 days. It went to interest and two payments have been made by the reciver in bankruptcy; one of \$60 and the other \$95.10. The Moesessin bank seeks to secure the balance from Hosteller.

WILL INVESTIGATE

The Death of Foreigner Who Was Found Beside Railroad Track.
UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—County Detective Alex McBeth will be asked to investigate the death of John Munro, whose mangled body was found along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks near Fairchance Friday morning. It is believed Munro was the victim of foul play.

While in a Fairchance hotel Thursday evening Munro displayed a big roll of bills but when his body was found the next morning only a photograph was to be found.

MRS. W. G. HUNTER

Died This Morning at Her Fairview Avenue Home After a Short Illness.

Mrs. Sidney A. Hunter, aged 50 years, one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of Connellsville died this morning shortly after 10 o'clock at her late home on East Fairview avenue after a severe illness. She contracted a severe cold that developed into grip which with heart trouble resulted in her death.

Decoas was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shrader and was born and reared at Madison, Pa., March 10, 1868. She was married in Greensburg to William G. Hunter of Westmoreland county, Rev. W. H. Clark of Johnstonstown officiated. The family moved to Connellsville, where they have since resided. Mrs. Hunter was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was highly beloved by all who knew her.

While her illness was known to many of her friends, her death came as a great shock, as her condition was not thought to be serious. She is survived by her husband and two grown children, Miss Clara Hunter, at home, and A. T. Hunter of Pittsburgh. One brother, George W. Shrader, of Berlin Center, O., also survives. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

BIG DAMAGES

Will Be Asked of Oliver & Snyder Steel Company for Death of George Latino.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—An action in trespass against the Oliver & Snyder Steel Company has been started by the widow and children of George Latino through Judge Edward Campbell, and while no statement was filed, it is learned that the damages asked will be large.

Latino was killed in the Oliver mines about a year ago and negligence on the part of the company is alleged.

Latino was working about 50 yards away from the point where a big blast was shot. It is claimed that Latino should have been warned that the blast was going off.

The plaintiffs claim he was not warned, and met death by being buried by a fall in the roof which followed the blast. The company maintains it was in no way negligent.

TAKES THE OATH.

M. P. Maithand Is Now Special Deputy Game Warden.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—M. P. Maithand this morning took the oath as Special Deputy State Game Warden and will serve in that capacity throughout this section.

Maithand came here from the East last summer and prosecuted several violations of the fish laws along the Monongahela river. He is Assistant Chief Fish Warden.

CLAIMS TO HEIL SICK.

Joseph Knight of Washington, Pa., is giving demonstrations of his claims to heal the sick and has created much excitement among some classes.

POSITION WITH SUNSHINE COKE CO.

Engage in Coal Business.

Joseph R. Bailey has resigned his position with the Sunshine Coal & Coke Company at Masontown, and will devote his time to the development of a small tract of coal in West Virginia, in which he and W. D. McGinnis of Connellsville are interested.

Mr. Bailey has been with the Sunshine Coal & Coke Company for five years and has a practical knowledge of the business. Joseph Noland of Pittsburgh succeeds him with the Sunshine company.

SOMERSET DEALS.

Two Recent Real Estate Deals That Total \$21,000.

A deed recently recorded shows that J. M. Lohr and wife conveyed to Lewis Morley a tract of land situated in Conemaugh township, Somerset county, containing 34 acres, for a consideration of \$9,000.

A deed recently placed on record shows that Robert Augustine has conveyed to Jasper Augustine a tract of land situated in Addison township containing 156 acres, for a consideration of \$12,000.

BLown OUT SHOT CAUSED EXPLOSION.

Prominent Mine Inspector Does Not Believe Gas Let Go at Darr.

SHOT IGNITED THE DUST

And this is What Caused the Frightful Loss of Life on December 10, It is Claimed—Of the 220 Bodies Recovered 174 Were Identified.

Special to The Courier.

JACOB'S CREEK, Dec. 30.—That the terrible Darr mine disaster of December 10 was caused by a blown out shot followed by a dust explosion, and not by an explosion of gas, is the opinion expressed by a prominent mine inspector, who palmed off several worthless checks on them on Christmas eve. Boyd was fortunate in getting three of them cashed, one of \$35 and the others \$25 each. He claimed they were Christmas presents from his foster father, Joseph Lands of this place.

The merchants were not suspicious of the explosion.

It has been the prevailing opinion that the disaster was a gas explosion, but the blown out shot and dust theory is being given serious thought by those interested.

In all 220 bodies were recovered from the mine, of which 174 were identified. The 46 unidentified dead lie side by side in Olive Branch cemetery here. It is hoped that some of these may be identified by their effects.

Evidences of the disaster are fast disappearing. The morgue has been closed and the big tent which served for this purpose was torn down yesterday. The addition to the blacksmith shop, built to receive the bodies was also torn down. Coroner Wynn is on the scene today to check over the articles of clothing belonging to the unidentified men.

Nine more bodies of the victims of the Darr mine disaster were brought here Saturday night and taken to Funeral Director J. L. Stader's rooms on West Main street. The names of the dead men are as follows: John Ivalinski, aged 35; John Kosloski, Jr., aged 29; Peter Smilko, aged 31; George Nale, aged 38; Mike Honjola, aged 26; Steve Komitski, aged 26; Lewis Szuchoski, aged 35; John Sabados, aged 30; and John Kozel, aged 35. The bodies of Ivalinski, Komitski, Smilko, Nale and Honjola were interred in the Greek cemetery at Leisring No. 1, Koslowski and Szuchoski were members of St. Thomas' congregation and the interment took place in Hill Grove cemetery. The bodies of Sabados and Kozel were interred in the St. John's cemetery at Brookvale.

The body of Steve Bischer was brought here yesterday morning and interred in St. Joseph's cemetery. Services were held at Smithton Sunday morning over the remains.

The following victims of the Darr mine disaster were interred in St. Emery Catholic cemetery yesterday, they having been brought to the undertakers establishment of J. E. Sims:

John Hinbar, aged 20; Steve Molnar, aged 28; Emory Varga, aged 26; John Brezner, aged 20; Laszlo Benesz, aged 29; Steve Baloy, aged 27.

IS BURNED ALIVE.

Robbers Overpower Agent, Take Valuables and Then Set Fire to the Building.

United Press Telegram.

CLARINGTON, O., Dec. 30.—Edward Hutchinson, a Baltimore & Ohio railroad station agent here, was robbed and murdered early this morning and the station burned to the ground. The murderers escaped with a considerable sum of money.

Hutchinson was overpowered, bound and gagged. Valuables were taken from his person, then the money drawer broken and contents taken.

Hutchinson was left on the floor and fire set to the station. He was left helpless. No clue has been obtained to the perpetrators of the triple crime.

Warn on Sunday.

The weather Sunday was much like a day in April.

BAILEY RESIGNS.

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THOUSANDS OF COKE OVENS

Resume at Frick Plants.

From an unofficial source it is learned that the H. C. Frick Coke Company expects to fire fully 7,000 ovens at the Corporation plants. When the mills resume, of course, a number of furnaces will be blown in, which in turn will be of direct benefit to the coke workers.

A shortage of labor would at this time seriously affect the operation of many coke plants that have been altogether or partially shut down for several weeks. Thousands of foreign workers have returned to their native countries from the coke region within the past two months.

There are preparations for an early

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD.

Mrs. J. P. Shirley Expired Yesterday at Ellwood City.

Word has been received here of the death yesterday of Mrs. J. P. Shirley at Ellwood City. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley formerly lived on Francis avenue here, but moved to Ellwood City some months ago. The funeral will be held tomorrow, Rev. J. J. Huston officiating. Mrs. Shirley will be interred at Ellwood.

Decoas was the sister of J. A. McKesson and Mrs. Joseph Wilcox. She is survived by her husband.

BOYD MISSING.

He Is Sadly Wanted by Mt. Pleasant Merchants Who Cash His Checks.

Special to The Courier.

Mt. PLEASANT, Dec. 30.—Several Mt. Pleasant merchants are looking for Emmet L. Boyd, an electrician, who palmed off several worthless checks on them on Christmas eve. Boyd was fortunate in getting three of them cashed, one of \$35 and the others \$25 each. He claimed they were Christmas presents from his foster father, Joseph Lands of this place.

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FREIGHT TRAINS SUSPENDED

ON THE B. & O. FOR 24 HOURS.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Bondholders Will Receive About \$200,000,000 This Week.

REPRESENTS A YEAR'S INTEREST.

The Steel Corporation Will Alone Pay Out Over a Million and a Half Dollars, and It Heads the List.

Special to The Courier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—It is estimated that bondholders will receive nearly \$200,000,000 within the next day or two, the sum representing the end of the year interest and dividend disbursements of the great corporations. Statistics show that more money will be paid out to holders of stocks and bonds this end of the year than ever before. About \$105,000,000 is being paid out to holders of bonds, while the railroad paying stocks will distribute \$75,000,000.

The fact that copper companies have been forced to cut down their dividends and many railroads and insurance companies have been forced to either suspend or reduce their dividends has not changed the general total of dividend and interest payments. The reason for this state of affairs is due to the larger capitalizations and bonded obligations, all of which have been floated this year or in the latter part of 1906.

Head over shoulders of industrial corporation in the matter of the end of the year coupon payments, the United States Steel Corporation towers. It will pay out this week \$1,843,000, the Consolidated Gas Company is second with \$1,375,000, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will distribute \$1,885,000. In the list of dividend payers, the Union Pacific's disbursements lead with a total of \$4,887,450, and Southern Pacific is second with payments of \$4,887,000.

The Union Pacific will pay for its bonds \$3,500,000, the Great Northern \$3,200,000, the Southern Pacific nearly \$2,900,000. Another of the great bond coupon payers is the St. Louis and San Francisco, which will pay \$2,649,000, and the Canadian Pacific nearly \$2,800,000 to the holders of the coupons.

BODY IN COFFIN

And Not Pile of Shot and Stones As Relative of English Nobelman Had Claimed.

United Press Telegram, LONDON, Dec. 30.—Surrounded by a group of sword-wielding grave diggers today excavated the coffin containing the remains of Thomas Charles Drury. A large shed was erected about the lot. Workmen removed the three-ton monument and an hour and forty minutes was consumed to place the coffin before Doctor Pepper the physician, who opened it. The coffin was found to contain human remains, the body of the aged and bearded man.

The features were unrecognizable, but no doubt the corpse was that of Drury himself. Two hundred policemen guarded the cemetery during the operation.

SAVED CHILDREN.

Foreign Parent Carries Them From Flame-Enveloped Room to Place of Safety.

Special to The Courier. PITTSBURG, Dec. 30.—A frame dwelling occupied by two families at Bryant street took fire this morning. The first floor was occupied by Leo Gold Wolleck, wife and two children; second floor was occupied by Joe Stiner, wife and child.

At two o'clock this morning Wolleck was awakened by cries of the children and hurried to the room. He found a mass of flames sealing the children so he carried them down stairs safely, despite the fact both are infants with measles. All were cured off by neighbors.

REFUSES MONEY TO WIFE.

Has Plenty of Cash, but Spends None for Christmas Bread.

SHIRVAN, Pa., Dec. 30.—(Special)—"I'll go to jail for a year before I give my wife one cent," said Steve Boch of Shirkovia in a Justice's court. Boch's wife charged him with assault and battery and non-support. She said when she asked for money for household expenses he generally beat her. Mrs. Boch declared her husband had plenty of money before Christmas, but would not give her enough to buy a loaf of bread for a Christmas dinner. The Justice sent Boch to jail for an indefinite period.

Big Entertainment. RIO JANIEIRO, Dec. 30.—(Special) elaborate preparations are being made here for the entertainment of the test now streaming towards this port. 750 feet left the Port of Spain at four o'clock yesterday afternoon and will reach here about January 10.

Mining Engineer's Sudden Death. GREENVILLE, Pa., Dec. 30.—(Special)—Frank C. Kendrick, a leading mining engineer of Denver, died suddenly here of heart failure.

NEW BOWLING LEAGUE.

Rollers of Fayette County Have Completed Organization.

The bowlers of Fayette county have organized a league which includes Connellsville, New Haven, Dawson and Durban. The organization was effected at the Casino alleys here Saturday night.

The first games to be played are scheduled for January 2, when New Haven goes to Dawson and Durban comes to Connellsville.

Fred H. Harmening was elected President; W. F. Brooks, Secretary, and W. E. Rice, Treasurer. President Harmening appointed the following committee: Schedule Committee, D. D. Fretz and H. F. Luttermann, the latter of Dawson; Arbitration, W. E. Rice and C. A. Wagner. By virtue of his office the President will have voice on all committees.

REPUBLICAN CLUB

Organized by Colored Voters Last November Now Has Flourishing Membership.

The Republican John Club, which was organized by the colored voters of Davison Hill last November, now has a flourishing membership. The club has not changed its name, nor has its dividends not changed the general total of dividend and interest payments. The reason for this state of affairs is due to the larger capitalizations and bonded obligations, all of which have been floated this year or in the latter part of 1906.

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As the officers of the club are: William Crary, President; John Lacey, Vice President; A. E. Ritman, Secretary; Edward Moore, Assistant Secretary. Meetings are held twice a month in the Club Hall on Davison Hill.

FOUND RAVING MAD.

Young Slave Is Entombed in Eilesworth Mine for Three Days.

MONONGAHELA, Dec. 30.—(Special)—After being imprisoned three days in Eilesworth mine John Omillian, a young slave, was released from his underground dungeon a raving maniac and taken to his home at Arden. Omillian last Thursday set off a blast, which effectively blocked all exit from the room where he was born.

As Fredonia's son was sick with typhoid fever and needed a nurse, he thought the wretched unnecessary for a few days.

It is believed that the offenders are being protected by the Italians of the neighborhood, either through fear of their vengeance, or collusion with their society.

USED BOILING WATER.

Quaker Method Used by Revolutionary Foreigners at Continental.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—A foreign whose name cannot be learned was the victim of fleshly revenge at Continental No. 33 a few nights ago and officers are looking for the proprietors of the deed. They refuse to disclose any names until the offenders have been brought to justice.

The unfortunate foreigner depicted his friends in some manner and they reacted it by throwing boiling water over him. The man was badly burned about the breast and arms and is in a serious condition.

SAW MEN RUNNING

From Brownville Home Before Dynamite Let Go Did Negro—No Other Clue to Crime.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—County Detective Alex. McIlroy was in Brownville Saturday in an effort to secure evidence concerning the man who attempted to dynamite the home of J. Fruland on Front street, a few nights ago. A negro living on the same street reported that he saw five men running from the home a few minutes before the explosion, but he could not describe them. They took over the hill in the direction of Dunlap's creek.

It developed that Fruland had been shadowed since the time he got the letter directing him to go to New York with \$10,000. Since that time he employed a watchman, but let go a night or two before the explosion.

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CARD PARTY

Given Saturday Afternoon by Mrs. Joe T. Johnston for Her House Guests.

Green and red were the colors used in forming the attractive decorations at a charmingly arranged card party given Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Joseph T. Johnston at her home on East Main street in honor of her guests, Miss Lerch and Miss Abigail of Euston, Pa. The hours were from 2:30 until 5 o'clock. Games and refreshments were served throughout the various apartments while the chandeliers were screened with red shades. Five hundred was the game played and fifteen tables were called for. Refreshments during the afternoon. The dainty pries were never less than \$1.00. Mrs. Held, Miss Kathryn Fisher, Miss Emma Held, Mrs. H. F. Atkinson and Mrs. Herbert Knox. At the close of the games a prettily prepared luncheon was served by Orlene Williams McCormick. The out-of-town guests included the honor guests were Misses Bosio and Cecilia Reid of Scottsdale.

HELD FOR COURT.

Reuben Lee Charged With Stealing Waste from Cars.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—At a hearing this morning Reuben Lee was held for court to answer charges of stealing waste from B. & O. cars at Luath Captain W. A. Metzler of the B. & O. police force is the prosecutor.

Captain Lamb Promoted.

Captain George F. Lamb of Greensburg has been appointed Deputy Superintendent of the State Constabulary. In addition to his experience in the State organization, he served 12 years in the regular army with distinction.

The Rosalele Leslie Co.

A strong dramatic organization all this week opened at the Solson Theatre on Saturday evening. December 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705,

The News of Nearby Towns.

DUNBAR.

Events of the Day in the Busy Furnace Town.

DUNBAR, Dec. 30.—Prof. C. S. Smith of the McKeesport schools was here yesterday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who is principal of the schools here.

Kennedy Porter was in Connellsville attending the Christmas dance of the Young Optimists at McKeesport. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McDevitt of Weston, Ill., are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McGivern, of Bryn Mawr, Ill.

Miss Mary Scouring, who had been the guest of friends and relatives in Clarksville, W. Va., for the past several months, returned home Saturday.

Miss Anna Miller, who had been the guest of friends and relatives in Tarenton, Pa., for the past week, returned home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Fred Zurad and daughter, Miss Constance of Mt. Brilliant, were the guests of friends and relatives in Franklin Saturday evening.

Tonight and tomorrow evening the pupils of the St. Alphonsus Catholic school will give an entertainment in honor of Father John, the pupils have been working hard to make it a success and a good attendance is expected both nights. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the poor.

Edward Seaman, who is employed in Bradford and who has been here for the past few days, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seaman, of Franklin.

Mrs. John Kelly of Connellsville was visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kelly of Connellsville street.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison of Connellsville was here Saturday, the guest of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Perkins and son Kenneth, who had been the guests of friends in Youngwood, returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. George Graham and two daughters, Ethel and Grace, of Clarion, Pa., W. Va., are here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Parkach of Spec's Hill.

Mrs. James Pfeifer of Uniontown was here Saturday, the guest of her daughters, Misses Mayme and Katherine McElroy, of Franklin Road.

Miss Elizabeth Thaler, who had been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thaler, of Franklin, left Saturday for her home in Homestead.

Mrs. Kitchelt was in Connellsville Friday evening, attending the Clerical dance given in Market's Hall.

Russell Johnson, of Mt. Brilliant, is here, the guest of his sister, Miss Katie Bowlin, for a few days.

Mrs. Lizzie Neum was shopping in Connellsville Saturday.

Miss Alice and her daughter, Miss Jessie, was the guest of friends and relatives in Uniontown Sunday.

Thomas Lee, who had been the guest of his son-in-law and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kunkle, was here Saturday morning for the home at Youngstown, O.

C. F. Reynolds was the guest of relatives and friends in Scottsdale on Saturday.

John C. Foster was calling on Connellsville friends Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. J. Rowe, who had been here for the holidays, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kunkle, was here Saturday morning for the home at Youngstown, O.

C. B. Nemon was transacting business in Connellsville Saturday.

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VANDERBILT.

Personal Chat From Fayette County's New Borough.

VANDERBILT, Dec. 30.—The remains of Mrs. Shattock, who met death in Dunbar, were brought here for burial this morning on the 12:25 train. The body was taken immediately to the Presbyterian Church, where a private service was held. The funeral was held at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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DAWSON.

Live Notes From the Busy Little Town Down the Yough.

DAWSON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Henry Armstrong, a few days ago, was here, the guest of friends and relatives, who had returned home Saturday. Her little niece, Miss Carrie Painter, accompanied him home.

Miss Jenny Holt of Connellsville was here yesterday at a business meeting with Lady Gladwin Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, T. O. O. F.

Misses Mary and Anna Johnson, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Jr., were here yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Jr.

Misses Daisy Johnson and Miss Mary Armstrong, were in Connellsville a few days ago, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Foster, of Franklin.

The borough schools will open Monday after two weeks' vacation during which time the children have enjoyed themselves in Connellsville for the past few days.

Mr. T. Robinson of McKeesport was calling on our merchants yesterday in the interest of the firm he represents.

Miss Mattie Colbert of East Liberty left Saturday morning for Pittsburgh and will attend the convention which is being held by the various business colleges of the United States. Miss Colbert is one of the members of the Board of Education of Connellsville, of which my relation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Atchey a few days ago over the arrival of a new baby boy. But their happiness was soon cut short, for the next day they received the news that she, too, their joy was mingled with sadness.

OWENSDALE.

Personal Happenings from Along the Populous Morgan Valley.

OWENSDALE, Dec. 30.—Grover Thompson, of Franklin, was here Saturday, with friends here Saturday.

John Rohrbach was attending to matters of business at Connellsville Saturday afternoon.

Misses Anna and Mrs. John Johnson, Jr., were visiting near Uniontown over Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Miller was calling on Scottsdale friends Saturday evening.

Two large lamps now illuminate the entrance to the United Brethren Church, one being installed at the main entrance and the other at the driveway entrance.

Miss Ruth Francis of Brynmawr was a guest of relatives near here over Sunday.

Chester McSotis of Dawson was in Franklin over Sunday.

Wade Ruth was at Jacobs Creek over Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Burke and family have returned home from a visit to relatives in Newport News, Va.

CONFLUENCE.

Interesting Items From Somerset County's Hustling Town.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 30.—Charles Neighorhoff and family returned from Sandyville, W. Va., last night, where they had been spending the week with relatives.

Mr. Bailey of Ohio City was visiting his brother, J. C. Bailey, the latter part of the week.

The Lutheran tract was given to the Sunday school scholars at the church today.

The little ones all went away happy.

Norman Stern of near Markleville was a guest of relatives in Franklin Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Johnson and family are visiting friends at West Newton.

W. S. Show of Sugar Land brought in a load of fine pigs Saturday. He is staying with his son and wife, Mrs. Laura Marquart, returned home on Friday.

Master Elmer Howell of McKeesport is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Ketchman, on Odon street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Sides of Harrisburg arrived here yesterday and will spend a week or ten days as guests of relatives.

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Sports Calendar.

MEYERSDALE.

Local and Personal Mention from the Big Somerset County Town.

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 30.—Samuel C. Lutz of Johnstown, who spent several days of last week as the guest of his relatives, returned home Saturday morning for Connellsville, where he spent the day on business pertaining to his law practice, left yesterday morning for Indian Creek, where they spent the day as the guests of their friends, Captain and Mrs. E. C. Snodgrass.

Mrs. Susan Myers of Plattsburgh, N.Y., who had been visiting among relatives and friends at this place for the past several weeks, left yesterday morning for the "Big Apple," or New York, where she will remain with friends for several weeks prior to her departure West.

Miss Anna Brinkley of Rockwood passed Friday night home on business, returning Saturday morning.

Joseph W. Myers, a popular and prosperous farmer of Millford and a noted sportsman, is staying at the ranch as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner.

Rep. Fred Shultz of Connellsville, who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shultz, returned home Saturday.

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ONE MILLION OF PENNSYLVANIA COPIES OF FAYETTE, 25¢.

Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public within and for said County and State personally appeared J. J. Driscoll, who, according to his deposition, now does business as follows:

Month	Total	Day
December 22	5,445	
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December 24	5,450	
December 25	5,222	
December 27	5,302	
December 28	5,115	
December 29	5,200	
December 30	5,200	
December 31	5,200	
Total	5,190	
January, 1907	41,422	4,719
February	48,825	4,719
March	48,505	4,714
April	37,918	5,213
May	125,608	5,216
June	122,500	5,089
July	120,500	5,089
August	141,644	5,243
September	129,265	5,170
October	145,054	5,298
November	131,000	5,298
December	109,985	5,234

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Capt. John L. Gans' Letter
Disturbed School
Board.

HIS RESIGNATION IS RECEIVED

A Special Meeting Held Saturday Evening and Later Captain Gans Explains His Mistake He Made—Finalization of the Board.

The School Board is indignant because so some of its members have few questions answered. The letter was filed at Saturday night's meeting. Captain John L. Gans, former member of the Board, started all the trouble when he wrote a letter to President W. S. Schenck last week, attempting, it is inferred, to several of the Directors, to create an impression that they are not very well in the school laws.

Captain Gans' letter was, in effect, a slap at the Board, for not electing his successor. The Board had been waiting for Gans' resignation, which was not forthcoming. It was not cognizant, it appears, of the exact date when Captain Gans moved from the Fourth Ward, thereby creating a vacancy to fill.

What astonished the Board members was anything else, members said Saturday night, in that if Captain Gans moved to the ward on October 15, as he says he did, thereby forfeiting his position on the Board, why did he attend a special meeting on October 23, eight days after he moved, and call a special meeting on October 26, when he tendered his resignation as President, but continued as a member?

When President Schenck read the Gans' communication to the Board Saturday night, it created a stir.

"He certainly must have made a mistake in his dates," exclaimed F. J. Harrigan.

"Captain Gans must think he is the only one on the Board who knows anything about the laws," put in Secretary O'Connor. "I find that as well as he did, but I didn't know where he moved from town."

"Certainly very strange, gentlemen; very strange indeed," commented President Schenck.

Are we to assume that he sat in the chair and transacted business after he ceased being a member of the Board," propounded Director Harrigan with deliberation.

"All the business transacted at those two meetings was certainly illegal," stated Dr. M. B. Shupe. "A man should not take part in the business of the Board after he has ceased being a member."

It appears that a number of bills were ordered paid at the meeting of October 23. That these might have been paid irregularly caused some uneasiness among the members present.

Harry Dunn was elected a member of the Board to succeed Captain Gans. This was predicted in the Court some weeks ago. As yet Joseph N. McCormick, selected to succeed W. D. McGinnis in the Third Ward, has not been sworn in. It is understood that he will not accept the position. The Third Ward has not been accorded full representation for a good many weeks, not, in fact, since McGinnis resigned.

Four bonds of the South Side school fund matured on December 1 and it is proposed to lift those bonds by issuing four Second Ward school bonds to Wm. Roth & Company of Cincinnati. These new bonds will mature in 1915 and are 5 per cent. Four and one-half per cent was paid on the South Side bonds.

It is proposed to transfer the \$4,000 cash held in this manner to the general fund for the purpose of meeting current expenses. A few months ago \$8,000 was taken from the general fund to meet the expenses of building the Second Ward addition and the \$4,000 will be replacing one-half of that amount. The resolution authorizing this proceeding was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9 o'clock.

Captain John L. Gans was first notified of the apparent discrepancy of his dates, relative to his retirement from the School Board, by Thos. Coulter, when he was reached at his home in Uniontown by telephone last night. When informed that his letter stated that he left the Fourth Ward, Connellsville, on October 15, and that he had since attended meetings of the Board, Captain Gans looked into the matter further. His explanation is:

"When I wrote the letter to President Schenck last week, I was under the impression that I vacated my home in Connellsville on the second Tuesday of October. Since the matter was brought to my attention, I find that it was on the last Tuesday of the month, and not the second, that I moved from town."

The actual date of my leaving Connellsville was October 29. Since that time I have not attended, nor have I participated in any meeting of the School Board."

There is now no question but that the actions of the School Board at those two meetings in dispute were entirely legal, nor can Captain Gans be accused of violating the rights by attending the meetings of October 23 and 26.

"News Too Late to Mend."
A beautiful play produced by a splendid company, headed by Rosalie Leslie, at the Sisson Theatre tonight. Prices 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents at the box office.

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Westmoreland Court Cuts
Valuations of All But
Freeport Vein.

SIXTY OPERATORS APPEALED

Alleged Excessive Valuation and Inequities, but the Court Says That
"As a General Proposition the Valuation Did Not Exceed Fair Market
Price."

The Common Pleas Court of Westmoreland county has made a general reduction in the assessment of coal lands in that county averaging \$70 per acre, with the exception of the Freeport vein. About sixty coal operators appealed from the assessments placed upon them by the commissioners or board of revision.

3. That coal and surface held by different owners are to be assessed separately, but not in their valuation on the two interests taken separately than when both are held by the same person.

4. That as the law aims at equality, any substantial departure from the general plan of assessments is ground for complaint by any person prejudiced thereby.

5. That improvements are not to be assessed separately, but land is to be assessed "with the improvements thereon." An assessment in violation of this rule made at the request of the owner will not be disturbed.

6. That mining machines are not taxable.

In the matter of the appeal of A. B. Kline, at No. 618 Aug. T., 1907, the appeal was sustained and the valuation of appellant's property in Greensburg was fixed at \$10,000; the county to pay costs, except appellant's bill to witnesses.

In the matter of the appeal of Keystone Coal & Coke Company at No. 662 Aug. T., 1907, the court makes the following:

NOTE: In the appeal double assessments and excess average are averred in some instances, and also excessive valuation of frame tipple at Greensburg No. 1. On these matters no evidence was offered and by agreement of counsel the same are withdrawn for adjustment with the Commissioners.

The court sustained the appeal as to 40 mining machines and ordered that the valuation of appellant's coal lands (except the Freeport vein) be reduced the sum of \$70 per acre. The cases placed the sum as above.

In the matter of the appeals of Hunter Coal Company, Atlantic Crushed Coke Co., Ligonier Coal Co., Joseph C. Head, Hon. John B. Steel, Ligonier, Diamond Coal Co., W. J. Rainey, Mt. Pleasant Coke Co., Hostetter Coke Co., the appeals were sustained and the assessments were reduced \$70 in each case; costs to be paid by appellee except appellant's witness.

The assessment of the Jamison Coal & Coke Co. was reduced \$70 per acre, as were those of R. H. Jamison, Latrobe-Connellsville Coke Co., Shenango Furnace Co., Clays Coke Co., Weyl Coke Co., Wm. T. Law estate, Veteran Coke Co., H. C. Trick Coke Co., and Marion Franklin Byers. The Jamison Coal & Coke Co. complained of double assessment and for property assessed to that corporation, which was not owned by them, which matters were referred to the Commissioners.

Complaint of excess average by R. H. Jamison was likewise referred

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Given for Miss Bessie Eicher
of Scottsdale by Her
Parents.

JOHN TIPPING IS DEAD.

Prominent Citizen of Evanson Passes
Away at Midnight—An Internal
Machine Scare—Big Chicken Shoot
Held in Brownstown Woods.

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 29.—One of the handsomest dances ever given in town was that by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Eicher for their daughter, Miss Bessie, at Temperance Hall, Friday evening. The affair was from 8:30 until 2, and the music was furnished by Harry's orchestra, while Kenney was the entertainer. There were about 80 prominent and a most enjoyable time was spent. Among the out-of-town guests were Todd Byers, James Bradstock, Elmer Husband, Miss Clara Smith, William Bulth, Miss Margaret Shepard, Miss Josephine Page and Miss Jeanette Husband, of Mt. Pleasant; Miss Grace Hall, Toronto, O.; Ray Stauffer, Pennaville; Miss Lois Pfeifer, Monroeville; Miss Marjorie Morris, Hazelwood, and Elmer Clifford of Greensburg.

There was a vigorous popping of rifles in the Brownstown woods Saturday afternoon, the occasion being a shoot given there, at which a lot of children and one turkey were put up. All the Scottdale boys got some, William Chaney got four chickens, as did V. W. Yasher and Bert Kelly, while John Mulhorn got five. Herbert James got six turkeys and two chickens. A number of the boys are getting ready to take in the shoot at Homemaster's Mill on Tuesday and look for some good sport.

There were only three transient guests in the borough hotel on Saturday night, guests who sought the place rather than the place seeking them. They were released on Sunday morning. There has been no hearing since Christmas, and Saturday night was one of the quietest over noticed here. "I did not see man who even looked as if he had a drink in him," said Chief Frank McCadden. None was in this morning, either.

There was a plenty of excitement at the home of a prominent resident of Mulberry street on Friday night when there were dark imaginings of a Black Hand plot to blow the entire place to atoms. From the appearance of everything it was not unusual that curiosity and alarm might be felt. The man came down town after the police said that a queer looking object was deposited on the roof of the front porch, and that from it hung what was either a string or a fuse. The police went to the house and could plainly see the object with the string hanging from it. Investigation showed that it was a pad used by a floor polisher at the H. H. Reid house a few doors below and that probably some boy had thrown it up on the porch roof.

The Grand Army band held its third annual banquet in the band room in the Borough building on Saturday night, with a large number present. The tables were set in "T" shape and a jolly time was had. The band has been in existence for a quarter of a century. They have played in all of the towns in this end of the state, but remember Uniontown best, since it was there they won a \$50 prize several

"Why do you think he will make such an ideal husband? Didn't he say, the first thing, that he couldn't afford to get you such an expensive ring?"

"Yes, but the dear boy went right off and got it."

al years ago, the price never having been paid.

John Tipping, senior member of the firm of Tipping & Ryan, general merchants, and who lived in Evanson since 1872, died at his home at midnight from paralysis, aged about 60 years. He is survived by a wife but no children. The funeral services will be from St. John's R. C. church, Scottsdale, on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

SHERIFF SALES.

Brownsville Property of Chatland and
Lenthart Knocked Down for \$13,
000—Other Sales.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—Sheriff M. A. Kloster held his last sale of public property in the court house corridor Saturday afternoon, which was attended by quite a number of interested parties. The most important sale was that of Mary A. Chatland and William J. Lenthart, doing business under the firm name of Chatland & Lenthart, of Brownsville. The property was put off by Charles L. Snowden for \$15,000 with instructions to the sheriff to make the deal to the Monongahela National Bank of Monongahela. The hands thus changing hands are in the center of the river town and quite valuable.

A small strip of land in Dunbar township, along the Pittsburg & Ohio canal, between Dunbar and Wheeler, was sold to W. J. Seeger. The land includes the Porter Hill Stone Quarry and was sold as the property of the Payette Sand Stone Company at the result of a Connellsville bank. The price received was \$1,250.

A property in German township, on the road leading from Monongahela to Liverpool station along the Monongahela river, was sold to Attorney E. D. Brown. The property was taken into execution as the property of W. N. Dil-

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Wolves That Prey on Women

Chicago Social Settlement Worker Tells How the Wireless Telegraph, the "Work at Home" and Other Frauds Are Employed to Fleece Poor Housewives and Girls.

By MISS JANE ADDAMS
Of Hull House, Chicago.

One of the inevitable results of the financial independence of wage earning women is the corresponding independence in the matter of seeking independence. Women who have secured their money without masculine aid especially feel at liberty to invest it in financial enterprises. After proceeding upon this natural theory, however, women should be equipped with knowledge of the fact that the promoters of fake investments have come to regard women as one of their most reliable specialties and that the more deceiving them has been cultivated with the greatest care. Experience has taught unscrupulous "promoters" that it is easier to secure money from women than from men through at least two lines of appeal to which women are more susceptible than men. The first of these is the appeal to wage earning women as "business women" and the startling inference that as such they will recognize the opportunity for a good investment, quite ignoring the fact that much of wage earning is done under direction and does not necessarily imply knowledge of business affairs. The second line of appeal which tempts many women to go into fake deals is that made to stimulate vanity by the promoters of the scheme who urge "We believe in the intuition of women and would like to have it in the counsels of our enterprise than cold masculine logic; a combination of both is the ideal, and that's why we are asking you to give your aid and co-operation."

The idea of a connection with a big enterprise is, in very many instances, appealing to the women who have never had such an opportunity, and, moreover, many women have come to believe that optimism in itself is a sort of feminine virtue, while on the other hand they regard suspicion as a mark of unpopularity. "Intuition" comes of faith in a favorable outcome. Hundreds of women are entrapped every year through some such subtle and flattering form of appeal.

Very often these campaigns for the savings of women are conducted along the lines of the professions and occupations in which large numbers of fairly prosperous women are naturally engaged. The first thing which the woman who is solicited to invest her savings in the stock or bonds of a mining, plantation, oil or financial enterprise should bear in mind is the fact that in all probability the promoter who is talking to her has secured a list of the women belonging to a professional organization or a club with which he is associated, and if the woman thus appealed to merely communicated with her natural associates she could easily discover this for herself. Let the whole affair in purposely surrounded by an air of mystery and "a special opportunity for you," which keeps her silent.

The wireless telegraphy scheme which was worked in Chicago several years ago will illustrate this. When wireless telegraphy was first demonstrated to be practical in its operation the swindlers saw a fresh and fascinating field in its manipulation. It had the charm of science about it and appealed to the progressive mind interested in the "forward march of civilization." An office was located convenient to the rooms of the board of education, which contained a wireless "demonstration apparatus," a full supplement of wireless literature, and most important of all—a list of all the school teachers of the city. The women teachers received a broadcast of literature in which handsome dividends were promised from an investment in the greatest scientific discovery of the age, and also an implication that the stock was offered first to educational people who were best fitted to understand its value and who would have sentimental as well as material satisfaction from such an investment. When an abundant harvest had been reaped from the savings of women teachers, a series of maneuvers was instigated which left undistributed in the possession of the promoter of the scheme the thousands of dollars he had acquired. The teachers received a "confidential and important" announcement from his office to the effect that the most powerful river in the immediate field of commerce, i.e., operations had consented to a consolidation on terms which he regarded as highly advantageous to all his investors. The consolidated company would be so much stronger than the one in which they had made their investment that they could now, of course, expect to exchange the stock on an even basis, share for share. He advised them, however, to increase their investment so that they could still retain their original number of shares which would not fail to prove immensely profitable.

This appeal not only induced many of the original investors to put in additional monies, but it also brought a fresh volume of recruits. A little while later a second reorganization was announced—this time a consolidation with all of the principal wireless companies then in the field. It was explained that this not only did away with competition but eliminated the possibility of trouble and expense re-illustration with regard to patents and improvements. This was said to be a great victory, and his investors

PLAN MAY BE BALKE

Mrs Eddy's "Next Friends" Object to Proposed Philanthropy

Boston Dec 30.—Disputing the power of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, head of the Christian Science church to make dispositions of so large a part of her fortune, it must notices were taken upon trustees McLean, Ronald and Baker, having in charge Mrs. Eddy's estate ordering them not to make the \$1,000,000 gift to found a charitable institution recently announced, or any other appropriation from Mrs. Eddy's estate, pending the outcome of litigation.

According to former United States Senator William C. Chandler this action is to be followed by a new lawsuit involving the Christian Science head and her trustees brought by the next friends. Mrs. Eddy's son George W. Glover, his daughter Mary Baker Glover and Mrs. Eddy's adopted son Dr. Ebenezer J. Foster of Waterbury, Vermont.

The contention of Mr. Chandler is that the proposed appropriation of a million dollars is in direct violation of Mrs. Eddy's deed of trust of March 1, 1907, by which she turns over all her property to the three trustees for life reserving only the right to use the "income and certain realty and which act marks the partial termination of litigation against her and the trustees by the next friends a few months since.

There are many small plagues and alitudes in the contemptible craft of swindling women and the smaller the swindle the more contemptible it is. Almost innumerable frauds are worked in this field in a pretty way—nearly all of them based on an initial fee of some sort which is to give them the benefit of easy and lucrative work "at home." After the fee is paid the work furnished is either impossible in its requirements or it is not furnished at all. Poor women in almost every state in the union were defrauded by an "Apron club" concern which claimed to be organized on a co-operative basis and for the philanthropic purpose of affording those who "joined" to earn easy money at home. The initiation or membership fee was \$2. The initiation or membership fee was \$2. The swindlers operating this scheme were prosecuted and convicted by the federal government and in the trial it developed that many of the victims were widows who had believed that a membership in this club would permit them to earn a living for their families without the necessity of being absent from their little children. The letter copying scheme is another which developed "easy and profitable work at home" swindle. Some 15 of these "clubs" indicate were recently closed out in Chicago, and Detective Woodward, who handled the case, found that a large and pitiable number of the victims were invalids, some of them bedridden.

There is one way by which poor women may know whom they are being offered a swindle in the game of "work at home." If it develops that there is any kind of a fee demanded at the outset it is safe to class the proposition as a fraud, although the demand may be in a very plausible form—a "deposit" against "materials sent," or "membership" in an organization. Many of these schemes are concerned with so-called "art work" and make that flattering appeal to "women of refinement and appreciation."

When it comes to an investment of any sort the promoters of which appeal to women who are comparatively or actually poor, to float their enterprise, is it not fair to assume that the thing is a swindle? If the investment had merit in the true sense of the term, could not its promoters readily obtain capital for it from business men with their eyes open? The promoters who makes it a business to secure lists of women in order to inveigle their savings from them is, on the face of it, open to grave suspicion of fraud.

JANE ADDAMS,
Hull House, Chicago

Search for Diamonds.

Since 1839 many American diamonds have been authenticated but none before has been found "in place." Most of those in the United States, Germany, and Brazil have come to light through the "breaking down" or wasting away, of the original rocks, which allows the diamonds to be washed into brooks and river gravels as in South America. Many have been found in the glacial moraines of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, whither prehistoric glaciers had swept them from some point in Canada. Search is now being made for the original resting place of these stones by several surveying parties, along the line of the new transcontinental railway from Quebec to Winnipeg.—Review of Reviews.

Mexico's Vigorous President

President Diaz, when 70 years old, was one day chatting with some American tourists in the military college at Chapultepec, says his biographer, when he noticed a climbing rope hanging near him.

"I wonder if I could climb that now?" he exclaimed, and to the amazement of his guests threw off his coat and went up the rope hand over hand to the top—a difficult exercise for a centenarian.

When he came down he turned to the Americans smiling, and said:

"Now you can say you have seen a man of 70 years do that!"—Youth's Companion

Salaries of Bank Presidents.

The salaries of presidents of banks, even those in the largest cities, are, as a rule, very much less than the salaries of railroad presidents. James Stillman, president of the National City bank, of New York, gets only \$25,000 a year.

To Plant Lobster Beds.

Extensive beds of lobsters are to be planted soon in the waters of British Columbia, and it is expected that in four or five years the lobster fishing industry will be established on a large scale.

Will Start Women's Clubs.

Helen Virich Roosevelt has been selected to start a ring of women's clubs on the Isthmus of Panama.

TRY OUR WANT COLUMN—ONE CENT A WORD.

UPON MONEY BASIS

Declares Grover Cleveland, Dignity of Ex-Presidents Must Be Maintained.

DOESN'T NEED AID HIMSELF

Sage of Princeton Asserts that Ex-Presidents Cannot Maintain that Dignity Expected of Them Unless Generously Pensionsed.

New York, Dec 30.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland under the title of "Our People and Their Presidents," has contributed an article to the *Youth's Companion* for Jan 5 relating to the poverty of Jefferson after he lost the presidency and to national pride. Mr. Cleveland declares definite and generous provision should be made for the maintenance of chief magistrates at the expiration of their terms. He deals with the subject at length and explains that he feels he can do so without his dignity being questioned since he is beyond the need of aid from the public treasury.

The condition is by no means new, Mr. Cleveland writes, in the measure and sparsely relief of occasionality furnished under the law of a military pension or some other present nor would it be best met by making compensation dependent upon the discharge of senatorial or other duty. One people ought to be at a definite and generous provision for all cases alike, based on motives of justice and fairness and adequate to the situation.

One division of the Cleveland article is devoted to the occurrence of an ex-president in the former administration, the multiplicity of things which persons endeavor to bring to the attention of the retired statesman and the manner of affairs he is asked to engage in.

"He is deluged with books," Mr. Cleveland says, "most of them irrelevant or positively worthless, and therefore he is expected to read and commend for advertising purposes. He is made a target for all sorts of pecuniary solicitation, embracing all sorts of objects ranging from large endowment funds and distinguished owners of fabulously profitable investments to pamphlets and deserving appeals for the relief of individual distress."

He is almost daily importuned to join in the management of public or semi-public enterprises which profess to be useful or beneficial or charitable.

He is persistently urged to make addresses on topics and for purposes that are bewildering and at times and places that are impossible.

He daily furnishes conclusive evidence that he is not overlooked by any class or condition of our people in any corner of our land and the visitors he receives forbid the reflection that he's only a melancholy product of our governmental system.

"It is most gratifying to note how the lives of our ex-presidents are made grateful and bright by the general attachment and spontaneous kindness manifested toward them by their fellow-countrymen."

BOY SHOOTS AND KILLS

Man Who Slashed Him and Another Led Meets Death.

Philadelphia, Dec 30.—An unknown Italian was shot and killed under exciting circumstances in West Philadelphia by Joseph Cesari, one, age six years, who alleges that he had held up and assaulted him and Joseph Benone age fifteen. The boys say the unknown stopped them on an open lot, where the shooting occurred. The man was thrown in his manhood, the boy says and when they attempted to stop him he drew a revolver and shot Cesario in the shoulder. The latter fell and the Italian attacked Benone cutting him on the forehead. Cesario turned and shot his assailant through the heart.

The shooting attracted the members of a political club. They gave chase and after a long run caught the boys.

TWO "HEALERS" AT WORK

They Give Demonstrations of Alleged Power at Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C., Dec 30.—At religious services in the Eighth ward of Washington unusual demonstrations of alleged power to heal were given by Joseph Knight. The services were conducted jointly by Knight and the Rev. John Lyons and when an incredulous audience refused to believe Knight's claim that he could heal disabled ones he is said to have given a demonstration.

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DEATH BY DROWNING.

Victim of Hackensack Murder Mystery First Stunned by Blows on Head.

AUTOPSY TELLS HORRID TALE

Corpus Identified as that of Agnes O'Keefe, a Woman Who Had Been Employed in Various Capacities. Detectives Busy on Case.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 30.—Stunned by blows to the head and then thrust head foremost into a pool of water was the manner of death of the woman whose nude body was found on the Hackensack meadows, in the town of Harrison, last Thursday. This gory story was told at the autopsy and left no doubt as to the details of the murderous work. The body is believed to be that of Agnes O'Keefe, a domestic, who had been employed by several families in Orange.

The autopsy was made by Dr. C. H. Schultz of New York, with the assistance and authorization of the coroner and county physicians. At the conclusion the lungs and intestines were removed for laboratory examination.

The physicians discovered that the woman had been struck twice on the back of the head with such force as to render her unconscious and that while in this state and still breathing she was pitched head foremost into the pool where she was drowned. The water at the spot was shallow and the head struck the bottom with sufficient violence to rip the water so that it drew into the lungs and caused asphyxia.

There were two abrasions at the base of the brain behind the right ear. After inflicting these, the physiologist determined that the murderer slit the woman's clothing from the neck down. This feat was skillfully done, for though the cutting was made with hardly more than a single movement of a keen-edged weapon, that stroke made its way through every thickness of clothing, and at no time did the point of the knife enter the body. That the weapon was not used to aid the murder is believed to have been due to the hope of the assassin that the case might be mistaken for one of suicide. The shoes and stockings were pulled off with brutal haste and then, seized by the feet, the woman was stood fairly on her head in the water and so held until she was dead. The organs indicated that the woman had used alcoholic stimulants but that she has not done so to excess.

The detectives are hard at work tracing the life of Agnes O'Keefe and by this means hope to arrest the murderer.

SPARKS SURRENDERS

Consents to Call Legislature in Special Session.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 30.—A special session of the Nevada legislature will be called today by Governor John Sparks. The governor said that the date of convening the legislature will probably be Jan. 24.

The call will be made at the request of President Roosevelt, who has notified Nevada's governor that such action must be taken or the troops now stationed at Goldfield will be removed.

Notification of the decision to assemble the legislature has been transmitted to Washington County Commissioner Rosenthal of Goldfield, whose resignation has been requested by Governor Sparks, who has refused to vacate his office.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt has telegraphed Governor Sparks of Nevada that if the governor within five days will issue a call for a special session of the legislature he will continue the troops at Goldfield for three weeks. If within five days the call has not been issued, the troops will be withdrawn.

Goldfield, Nov. 20.—The announcement that Governor Sparks would call the legislature together in special session has given an entirely new aspect to the labor situation. It is not at all certain that the legislature will act in accordance with the wishes of Governor Sparks, but the calling of the special session will have the effect of keeping federal troops in Goldfield and will make the possibility of serious trouble more remote.

The Esmeralda county grand jury has recommended the appointment of a board of arbitration to attempt a settlement of the strike. George A. Wingard, a prominent member of the miners' association, is a member of the grand jury.

Living Skeleton Found Dead.

Pittsburgh, R. I., Dec. 30.—Charles W. Perry, who traveled with several of his racing skeletons for sixteen years as a living skeleton, was found dead in his room in a hotel in Perryville, R. I., last night. His heart, like an elderly man, was due to natural causes. Perry was known to the public as Eugene Morris. Although he was six feet one inch in height, he weighed only eighty pounds.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 30.—While sitting at the home of J. E. Bailey, to whose daughter he was engaged, James Barnette, a school teacher, shot himself and died in a few minutes. The act is said to have been caused by his refusal to marry him.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 30.—Three Italian boys were drowned in a pond near Butler. The jabs had been skating when the ice, under the weight of a large crowd of merrymakers, gave way. The victims are Philip Giglio, Angelo Talamo, Peter Falconi.

TRI-STATE NEWS.

Events of the Day in Brief from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

New Castle, Pa., Dec. 30.—The Shenango Valley steel plant resumed operations here after an idleness of ten days. Over 2,000 men are affected.

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 30.—William R. Nixon, recently elected mayor, has invited saloonkeepers to a conference on curtailment of drunkenness here.

Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—The Rev. Dr. Washington Gladwin, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate of the First Congregational church of this city.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Le Baron Haefner, lumber agent for the Pennsylvania railroad lines east of Pittsburgh, died suddenly at his home here, age fifty-nine years.

McArthur, O., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Boyer and one child were burned to death and another child was severely burned in a fire that destroyed their home near Hamden, Vinton county.

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 30.—John Barnes, of this city, was one of the best twirlers on the Lancaster team of the Tri-state league last season, will be ordained into the priesthood in April.

Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Attorneys have published notice that they will apply for a pardon for Constable James Lemon, convicted at the last term of court for feloniously shooting Jacob Foy.

Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—Boardman Casper, administrator and assistant business manager of the Al G. Fields studios, is dead at Polar Pleasant, W. Va., of pneumonia. The body will be brought to Columbus for burial.

New Castle, Pa., Dec. 30.—Arguments were heard by Judge Porter in the mandamus proceedings entered by the Socialists of this city to compel the county commissioners to hold a winter primary. The court reserved decision.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 30.—According to the chief of police of Marboro, N. Y., W. Van Busch, wife murderer and suicide, was also a bigamist. Sixteen months ago he married the woman whose throat he cut last Christmas in this city. Van Busch had a wife, Jerome Busch, living there.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 30.—At Orisketa, a mining town ten miles west of here, Pete Stratton, an Italian, shot and killed another Italian, Frank Magro, and wounded his brother, Dan Magro, so badly that it is thought he will die. The trouble occurred over a dog fight and the murderer escaped.

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 30.—A needle and a piece of thread, which William Cox, a farmer residing near Crostine, swallowed when he was a baby, came to the surface recently through his right leg. He felt a lump on his leg and an examination revealed the end of the thread protruding from the flesh.

Lima, O., Dec. 30.—The police believe they have unearched in a private residence here a miniature mint, from which has been issued apurious twenty-one-cent piece during the holidays. A half-dozen of the coins have been reclaimed and will be held as evidence. The quarters are a good counterfeit, but light in weight.

York, Pa., Dec. 30.—Twenty-two years ago thirteen young cigarmakers held a banquet in honor of J. D. Miller, a cigar manufacturer. The apprentices were reluctant to partake of the feast because there were fifteen present. The thirteen men are still living and preparations are being made for another banquet.

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SPORTING NOTES.

Paragraphs in Brief Covering All Branches of Sport.

"Kitty" Brasheild is mentioned as the new manager to the Milwaukee club.

"Bill" Spires is knocked out. We have seen that headline so often that we can say it by heart.

Hot Springs golf promoters are trying to arrange a tour between Al Portnoy and Marvin Hart.

Pennsylvania State College is after Patsy Flaherty, the club pitcher, for basketball coach.

The Flood, who had trouble with Umpire Conroy in Toronto last season, is talked of as the possible manager for St. Paul next year.

The Cohen, the champion boxer, will have charge of the sporting section of the Atlantic Journal this Sunday.

Two fishing clubs are to begin business in Boston soon. With the one now going at Chelsea this will make it quite lively around the Hub.

The Mobile club is having some trouble in trying to switch from the Cotton States to the Florida League.

The new Union baseball team will have teams in both Manhattan and Brooklyn. The Brooklyn team will play on the Atlantic League grounds, and Bronx Oval, has been leased for the New Yorkers.

The coming season will mean much to Joe Caulfield. Should the Washington team fail to climb at least two rungs from the baton it will be ex-major league manager for Joseph.

"Ebows" McAdoo, the veteran lightweight, declares he can stop Tommy Burns of Battlin' Nelson in 20 rounds. "Ebows" is most interesting talker.

Several youngsters will be after Jimmy Barrett's place with the Boston Americans next season but if Jim's knee is all right he will be the boy to make the swell throws in left field.

The fans of Spring Valley, Ill., have come across with \$5,000 to take a flyer on Bill Pepple. In his go with Hugo Kelly, Not since the days of Bill May, the St. Louis Goliath, has the home town of a fighter raised such a pot of money to bet on its favorite son.

Important Events in 1907.

Joe Goss retired last night.

Tom Sharkey whips Tommy Burns in a dream.

Jim Jeffries tons the mitts once more (will clean out the turn too).

New York Giants will world's champions.

Tom Johnson defeated for President of American League (before the annual meeting).

Horace Pulliam elected President of the National League, unanimously (with the exception of one vote).

Washington baseball team does great work (from 12 to 14 to 16 to 18).

The two St. Louis teams (ough said).

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THE PRICE OF PAPER.

Cost to the Publishers Is Now Constantly Growing Dearer.

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Special to The Courier.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—

Today there is general complain-

ing among publishers that printing paper

is constantly growing dearer.

In the Middle West, many local papers are

raising their subscription price 50 per

cent, in order to pay for the paper

from the time when Gutenberg first

had invented type, made of wood, to

the present day of metropolitan pa-

pers, some of which consume the prod-

uct of acres of spruce in a single

edition; printing has in very large de-

gree depended upon the forest.

In the face of a threatened shortage

further, the amount of wood con-

sumed each year for pulp has increased

since 1899, from 2 millions to 34

billion cords. The year 1906 marked

an increase of 98,000 cords in the im-

ports of lumberwood, the highest avo-

rage value per cord for all kinds and

consumption greater by 489,053

cords than that of any previous year.

Since the wood from which 16

thousand cords of the pulp was

manufactured, it still, the leading

wood, but it now produces a little less

than 10 per cent of the total. How

well suited is the manufac-

ture of pulp is shown by the fact that

during a period in which the total

amount of wood used has doubled

and many new woods have been in-

roduced, the proportion of spruce

to the exclusion of all other paper

woods, has increased in total quant-

ity less than 300,000 cords, and is

now outranked by hemlock, pine,

birch and cottonwood are used in

much smaller amounts.

New York alone consumes each

year over a million and a quarter

cords of wood in the manufacture of

pulp or more than twice as much as

Maine, which ranks next. Wisconsin,

New Hampshire, Pennsylvania,

and Michigan follow in the order given.

Sixty per cent of the wood used

in New York is imported from

elsewhere, and even so the supply ap-

pears to be warning, since the total

consumption for the state shows

a small decrease since 1895, whereas

the other states named have all in-

creased their consumption. Other

states important in the production of

pulp are Massachusetts, Minnesota,

Ohio, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia and

West Virginia.

The average cost of pulp delivered

at the mill was \$7.21. The total val-

ue of the wood consumed in 1906 was

\$26,000,000. The chief item determin-

ing the price of paper is the cost of

pulp. An example of the increased

price of paper is found in the case of

a publisher of a daily paper in the

Middle West, who recently paid \$1,

200 for a carload of paper. The same

quantity and grade of paper cost a

year ago about \$300.

The chemical processes of paper

making, which better preserve the

wood fiber, are gaining over the

mechanical process. In 1899, 55 per

cent of the wood was reduced by the

mechanical process; in 1906 less than

50 per cent.

All imports of wood for pulp

are from Canada, and comprised in

1906, 739,000 cords; nearly all of

which was spruce. Four and a half

million dollars worth of pulp was im-

ported in 1906, a slight falling off

from 1905.

Circular 120 of the Forest Service

contains a discussion of the consump-

tion of plywood in 1906, based on

statistics gathered by the Bureau of

the Census and the Forest Service.

IN REPERTOIRE.

The Rosabell Leslie Company Will be at the Soisson Theatre All of this Week.

The Rosabell Leslie Company which is the attraction at the Soisson Theatre all this week, with matinees daily starting this afternoon, promises one of the strongest collections of thoroughly up-to-date melodramas that has yet been seen upon the local stage at cheap prices. Among the plays to be given during the forthcoming engagement are: "The Gypsy Girl," "A Little Outcast," "The White Slave Driver," "The Burglar's Daughter," "Bonita, Queen of the Rock," "On the Swanee River," "A Girl's Good Name," "It's Never Too Late to Mend," and others, each of which has been seen with a view of displaying the talents of this clever little woman to the best possible advantage.

Each play is elaborately staged, to the minutest detail and given with a completeness that would do credit to many of the more pretentious attractions. "It's Never Too Late to Mend" will be the bill this evening, Miss Leslie appearing as Audrie.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

What the Men Who Run the Government Are Doing.

Vice President Fairbanks has been invited to speak in St. Paul at the banquet of the Lincoln Republican Club in February.

Governor Hammarskjold of Iowa is being urged by his friends to announce himself a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

Friends of Senator La Follette have begun to fight to secure him the Republican delegation at the next national convention.

Southern Democrats will have no

presidential candidate to propose at the national convention, according to Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia.

Secretary of the Treasury George E. Cortelyou has been invited to speak at the annual dinner of the American Chamber of Commerce next month.

The renomination of President Roosevelt is one of the planks of the platform on which Senator R. S. Ven-

ner is caucusing for the Republican nomination for governor of South Dakota.

United States Senator Hollings of New Hampshire, one of the extreme standpatters, has opened the war in

Congress upon the customs arrangements between the governments of the United States and Germany.

Daniel J. Campani of Detroit, who

may succeed Thomas Taggart as

chairman of the Democratic national

committee, is 55 years old and a lawyer

by profession. He was collector of

customs at Detroit, from 1886 to 1890.

The Republican state central com-

mittee of Indiana will be reorganized

next month, in the interest of the

Fairbanks candidacy for the presi-

dency. James P. Goodrich, chairman

of the last three campaigns and who

is a Fairbanks man, will again be

chosen campaign chairman without

opposition.

Chairman Conover of the Democratic

State Committee of New York has

called off the conference of state and

national Democrats which was plan-

ned to be held at the Waldorf Astoria

during the first week in Janu-

ary. Neither will the Jackson Day

dinner under the auspices of the state

committees be held this year.

It is reported that Senator Proctor

probably will head the Vermont dele-

gation to the Republican national con-

vention in Chicago next June. Two

of the other delegates-at-large from

the same state will probably be Uni-

ted States Senator Dillingham and

Representative David T. Foster of

the First district.

Governor Angel of South Carolina

has made positive announcement

of his determination to run for a sec-

ond term as governor, and declares he

will not be a candidate for the Uni-

ted States Senate to succeed Senator

Latimer next summer. So far the

only announced candidate for Sena-

tor Latimer's seat is Col. John J.

Dargan of Sumter and State Superin-

tendent of Education Martin. Several

others are expected to enter the race before long.

THE NEW YEAR.

How to Make It a Profitable One to You.

What the year requires hundred

and eight days bring to you depends

largely upon your own efforts. The</